

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Like water that seeps through the cracks of our hands, history is continually being lost because it is not being written down. While interviewing Donald D. Simmons and documenting his experiences as a member of the Air Force during the Korean War, I felt that I became part of the quilt of history that is perpetually being woven. I hope by telling Don's story, I gave a veteran the full appreciation he deserved for what he had done for his country by ensuring that his story would never be forgotten. At the ripe young age of 18, Don decided to enlist in the Air Force. From 1952–1954, he spent his days on a mountaintop north of Seoul where he repaired radar systems and monitored the search radar that was operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. After starting out as a private, he climbed the ranks to become a captain and received a Commendation Medal for his service in Korea. After the armistice was signed he continued college under the GI Bill at the University of Maryland where he studied electrical engineering. He is now the secretary of the Aircraft Control and Warning Group, a Korean War veterans' organization that holds annual reunions in cities

across the United States, as well as a volunteer at Methodist Richardson Medical Center.—Cindy Wang.

HONORING MERCY CENTER MINISTRIES, INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Mercy Center Ministries, Inc.

Mercy Center Ministries has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. Mercy Center Ministries' continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Mercy Center Ministries, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. LUZ MARIA VILLANUEVA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Luz Maria Villanueva who lived her life with joy, grace and total dedication to her family and friends.

Mrs. Villanueva was born to a large, loving family in Puerto Rico before moving to Cleveland, Ohio. She learned the values of faith and sharing as a young child, values that stayed with her throughout her life. Mrs. Villanueva was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Jose, and also by her son, James. Mrs. Villanueva and her husband raised seven children. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of her strength and joy. In addition to her family, she was never far from her beloved Chihuahua, Chico.

Mrs. Villanueva was dedicated to the teachings of her Roman Catholic faith. She was always willing to offer a helping hand, a warm smile or a kind word. She moved to Florida thirty-one years ago and became active in the parish community of the Church of the Transfiguration. Mrs. Villanueva was a Eucharist Minister, a member of Damas Catolica, and taught catechism.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Luz Maria Villanueva. I offer my deep condolences to her children; Jose (Margaret) Villanueva, Fred (Ellen) Villanueva, Jennie Orama, Providencia (Santos) Roman, Angela (Winfred) Robinson and Myrna Villanueva (Edwin Montalvo); her twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her extended family and many friends. Mrs. Villanueva brought love, kindness and joy into the lives of those around her. She will never be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF DAVID JOHN MCKELVEY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Youngstown—Calling hours for David John McKelvey, 58, will be held at St. Edward Church (240 Tod Lane) from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at St. Edward Church at 11 a.m. Additional calling hours will be held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., prior to the service.

David was born on March 23, 1952, in Youngstown, the son of William B. McKelvey and Sallie Turner McKelvey. David was a lifelong member of the community.

David was a member of St. Edward Church and attended Ursuline and The Rayen School. After graduation, David joined the Peace Corps and later attended Youngstown State University. He worked in real estate and business development for the majority of his life.

He was married in 1985 to Meg Mitchell of Youngstown.

He is survived by his children, Jonathan (22), Catherine (18), and Connor (11). David is also survived by his mother, Sallie T. McKelvey; his siblings, Letitia McKelvey, Lucius McKelvey (Terrie), Walter McKelvey (Carol), William McKelvey (Sarah), former Mayor George McKelvey (Sherry), Sally McKelvey Bulger (David) and Anne McKelvey; and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his father, William B. McKelvey.

David was passionate about his faith, family, friends, fishing and traveling. David was an avid volunteer. His favorite charitable cause was serving holiday meals at the Rescue Mission. It gave him great joy to see his children participate in this charitable work.

David was held in high esteem by his many friends, earning respect by his character strengths of integrity, reliability and loyalty. David will be sadly missed and remembered fondly in the hearts of the lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that your generosity be best expressed by a donation to the Gleaner's Food Bank, 94 Pyatt St., Youngstown, OH 44502.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the McCauley Funeral Home on Broadway Ave. in Youngstown.

IN HONOR OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE ELITE NEWS NATIONAL RELIGIOUS HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of the Elite News National Religious Hall of Fame Museum on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

First launched in 2000 by Mr. William Blair, Jr., the National Religious Hall of Fame Museum seeks to celebrate, encourage, and showcase the positive impact of ministers in our local community. The inductees are individuals that have been active in ministry for at